BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Public Reprimand)
of the Educator Certificate of) CONSENT ORDER OF) PUBLIC REPRIMAND
Erin M. Archer) PODEIC KEPKIMAND
Certificate # 212713)

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on December 7, 2004. On October 20, 2004, the State Department of Education (Department) sent a notice of hearing regarding a possible certificate suspension or revocation to Ms. Erin M. Archer by certified mail, return receipt requested, delivery restricted to addressee. Ms. Archer received the notice as evidenced by a signed postal receipt bearing her name. Ms. Archer agreed to resolve the case without a hearing upon the following terms: (1) a public reprimand will be issued by the State Board, (2) the public reprimand will be reported to all school districts in South Carolina with the grounds listed as "test security violation," and (3) this order will be maintained as a public record in the Office of General Counsel of the Department. After considering the evidence presented by the Department, the State Board voted to issue a public reprimand for Ms. Archer's conduct as agreed to by the parties.

Accepted:

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Date:

Erin M. Archer #212713

FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Archer holds a valid South Carolina certificate and has over two years of teaching experience. During the 2003-2004 school year, Ms. Archer was a fourth grade teacher at Monaview Elementary in Greenville County School District. While administering the May 2004 PACT testing, Ms. Archer admittedly read words within test questions and entire test questions out loud to a student who was showing signs of frustration.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The State Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-150 (2004), S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58. The Board finds that the evidence presented supports its conclusion that just cause exists for a Public Reprimand to be issued to Ms. Archer. Accordingly, the Board issues this Consent Order of Public Reprimand as set forth above.

South Carolina State Board of Education

/S/ Mary E. Jones

Dr. Mary E. Jones Chair

Columbia, South Carolina December 7, 2004

I, Erin M. Archer, SC Teaching Certificate # 212713, do hereby agree to this Order of Public Reprimand, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on Tuesday, December 7, 2004.